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RE: Amendments to Claims 2, 3, 7, 10, 18, 19 and 20 of Patent Application

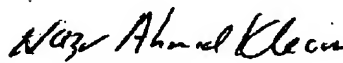
Dear: Mrs. Deak

Under 37 CFR 41.33 prior to the filing of the brief the following amendments are made in the claims 2, 3, 7, 10, 18, 19 and 20.

- In claim 2 it is read as: The arteriovenous shunt of claim 1 wherein said arterial graft is made of biocompatible material.
- In claim 3 it is read as: The arteriovenous shunt of claim 2 is made of biocompatible material.
- In claim 7 it is read as: The arteriovenous shunt of claim 1, wherein said cuff is made of polyethylene terephthalate or other biocompatible material.
- In claim 10 it is read as: The arteriovenous shunt of claim 1, wherein said venous outflow catheter is made of biocompatible material.
- In claim 18 it is read as: The method according to claim 17, wherein said venous outflow catheter has a diameter of about 1mm smaller than said arterial graft.
- In claim 19 it is read as: The method according to claim 17, wherein said artery is the brachial, axillary or femoral, external iliac artery.
- In claim 20 it is read as: The method according to claim 16, wherein said the vein is cephalic, axillary, jugular, femoral or external iliac vein.

Those amendments may be entered into the Pending Patent application. If you have any questions please feel free to contact my office at 312-329-1100. Any correspondence should be sent to the address listed above.

Sincerely,


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